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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Senator Hayden's Views on a Joint Committee on Intelligence

1. On 8 June 1954 I had a talk with Senator Hayden during which he discussed Senator Mansfield's appearance before the Senate Rules Committee in support of the Mansfield resolution for a Joint Committee. Senator Hayden stated that as far as he personally was concerned he did not wish to know very much about CIA for fear he might make a break at the wrong time. Senator Hayden assured me in June that the Mansfield resolution would not be reported out of the Rules Committee if he could prevent it.
2. Senator Hayden stressed the importance of "keeping Joe away from CIA". He inquired whether or not Armed Services had handled our basic legislation, and I assured him that it had handled all of our legislation in the Senate, and was considered by us to have jurisdiction as our parent Committee. With this the Senator was in full agreement.
3. It should be noted that the new proposed Mansfield resolution established a Joint Committee to be made up of members of certain "CIA Subcommittees". This would appear to be quite vague as no such formalized Subcommittees exist.
4. In talking with Senator Hayden, it should be recalled that Chairman Russell and Senator Saltonstall, the ranking members of what might be the "CIA Subcommittee" of the Senate Armed Services Committee, are both opposed to the creation of a special Joint Committee on CIA and Senator Saltonstall appeared before the Rules Committee in opposition last year. Furthermore, the Appropriations Subcommittee members of such a Joint Committee would no doubt include the Chairman of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees; ^{7/11/54} the Chairman is known to be in opposition to a Joint Committee and these ranking Appropriations Committee men are in all probability too busy to want to sit on a Joint Committee on CIA.

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